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My name is Lee Danny Hoey. I am a commander in the Navy's Medical Service Corps, serving as a biochemist at U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED)

I am a native New Yorker. I was born in New York City where I lived and attended school before earning my Doctorate in Chemistry from the University of Massachusetts.

During college I thought about serving my country, hoping to follow in the footsteps of my father who had served as a Sailor in the U.S. Navy during World War II, but instead decided to pursue a corporate career with Hewlett-Packard (HP). While with HP I had the unique opportunity to assist the Navy's drug testing program, developing novel analysis for illegal narcotics and prescription drugs of abuse.

The Navy's drug testing program reignited my interest in joining our armed forces and so I sought a commission in the naval reserves. After spending four years in the reserves, I decided that the camaraderie and sense of purpose I found serving my country could not be found in the private sector and I transferred to active duty.

As a program manager and military scientist I have the unique role of assessing the scientific and technical needs of the warfighter and translating them into terms that our nation's civilian scientific community can understand so they can develop products and technologies to address those needs and requirements.

One of the most rewarding aspects of service in the United States Navy has been working with others, the greater majority being our nation's youth, who volunteer to put themselves at risk every day to protect our Nation and what it stands for.

Over my 20 year career in the Navy, I have had the pleasure of deploying and working on a daily basis with my fellow Americans. I take great comfort knowing that our nation's security is in good hands and I can pass on the "Watch".

I am Cmdr. L. Dan Hoey. I am Navy Medicine.